

REAL OBJECT PROJECTOR

Background of Invention

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1. Field of the Invention

The invention relates to a real object projector, and more particularly, to a real object projector which is combined with a movable light source module
10 and can project transparent films directly.

2. Description of the Prior Art

Projectors or projection tools are commonly used for displaying visual aids
15 during presentations or conferences

Fig.1 shows a conventional projector. An image apparatus 12 is installed on a base 10, and the image apparatus 12 includes an armarm 14 and a lens 16. When projecting an object 18, the object 18 is placed under the lens 16, and the
20 lens 16 focuses on the object 18. A user can adjust the magnification of the image and adjust the focus with the lens 16 according to his requirements.

However, when a user needs to project a transparent film, the projector fails to project the transparent film, since a bottom light source is needed. An
25 extra light source module 20 is required for the projector to project the transparent film 22, as Fig.2 shows. Lacking a light source module 20 prevents

the projection of the transparent film 22.

The method of projecting a transparent film is by placing the transparent film 22 on top of the light source module 20, and under the lens 16 and focusing the lens 16 on the transparent film 22. Then the user adjusts the projected image size and focus according to the size of the transparent film. When there is more than one size of transparent film 22, users need to continuously adjust the projected image size and focus according to the different transparent films 22. This is inconvenient and results in a poor quality of presentation.

Therefore, there is need for an improved real object projector to project kinds of transparent films.

Summary of Invention

It is therefore an objective of the present invention to provide a real object projector to solve the above-mentioned problems. A light source module is installed on a base of the real object projector to project a transparent film. The projection method can optimally magnify images in accordance with various sizes of transparent films.

According to the claimed invention, a light source module is connected to a base of a real object projector, and the light source module and the base have a connecting relationship. The base further comprises a control circuit and an image receiving apparatus. The image receiving apparatus receives images on

the transparent film that is placed on the light source module. The transparent film can further comprise an identification mark on the transparent film clip, and different types or sizes of transparent films have different identifying marks.

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The projection method using the real object projector comprises: automatically or manually moving the image receiving apparatus to a suitable position in accordance with the mark on the transparent film clip; then automatically or manually focusing the image receiving apparatus according to
10 the transparent film clip; and pressing an image receiving key to magnify the projected image via a control circuit; or automatically identifying the kind or type of transparent film and magnifying the projected image.

These and other objectives of the present invention will no doubt become
15 obvious to those of ordinary skill in the art after reading the following detailed description of the preferred embodiments that are illustrated in the various figures and drawings.

Brief Description of Drawings

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Fig.1 is a diagram of a projector according to the prior art;

Fig.2 is a diagram of projecting a transparent film using a projector according
to prior art;

Fig.3 is a diagram illustrating projecting a real object using a real object
25 projector according to an embodiment of the present invention;

Fig.4 is a diagram illustrating projecting a transparent film using a real object

projector according to an embodiment of the present invention;
Fig.5 and Fig.6 are diagrams of a real object projector according to
embodiments of the present invention;
Fig.7 is a diagram of a transparent film clip according to an embodiment of the
5 present invention;
Fig.8 is a flow chart illustrating using a real object projector to project a
transparent film according to an embodiment of the present invention;
Fig.9, Fig.11 and Fig.12 are flow charts illustrating using a real object projector
according to embodiments of the present invention; and
10 Fig.10 is a diagram illustrating using a real object projector to project a
transparent film according to an embodiment of the present invention.

Detailed Description

15 Fig.3 and Fig.4 are diagrams illustrating a real object projector according
to embodiments of the present invention. The real object projector comprises a
base 30 in which a control circuit is installed for receiving and transferring the
image data, and identifying and magnifying it. An image receiving apparatus 32
is connected to the base 30. The image receiving apparatus 32 comprises an
20 arm 34 connected to the base 30 and a lens module 36 installed on the arm 34.
The arm 34 can be rotated in a limited angle or range with a fulcrum
connecting the arm 34 and the base 30. The lens module 36 is used to capture
an image. A light source module 38 is connected to the base 30 by an axle 40.
The light source module 38 can be rotated in a limited angle with the axle 40
25 acting as a fulcrum. A damper can be further installed on the axle 40 for
buffering the rotation of the light source module 38. Furthermore, the rotation

of the light source module 38 can be operated manually or automatically with a combination of a motor, a gear wheel, a rack, a belt and so on. Further, as Fig.5 and Fig.6 show, the light source module 38 can be designed to be stored in the base 30 and be taken out from the base 30 by pulling or rotating. The pull or
5 rotation operation can be manually operated or automatically operated by a combination of a motor, a gear wheel, a rack, a belt and so on.

Referring to the Fig.4 and Fig. 7, a transparent film 42 can be placed on the light source module 38 for projection, and can be installed in a transparent
10 film clip 44 having a mark 46 and then be placed on the light source module 38 for projection. The transparent film clip 44 is variously installed in accordance with transparent films 42 of different sizes, and the marks 46 on different transparent film clips 44 are unique. The mark 46 is a positioning or locating mark and is also an identification mark for identifying the transparent film 42.
15 The mark 46 can be at least one transparent opening, and the opening of each of the transparent film clip 44 has a different shape and number.

Fig.8 shows a projection method according to an embodiment of the present invention. Firstly, in step S10, the image receiving apparatus is
20 manually or automatically moved to a suitable position in accordance with the mark. In step S12, the image receiving apparatus is manually or automatically focused corresponding to the transparent film clip. In step S14, pressing the image receiving key located on the real object projector or on a computer which is connected to the real object projector. Finally, in step S16, digitally
25 magnifying the projection image of the transparent film with the control circuit corresponding to the type of transparent film clip. In above-mentioned step S14,

the image receiving key is selected from an image receiving key which assigns the size of the transparent film and an image receiving key which does not assign the size of the transparent film. If the image receiving key is selected from the later, between steps S14 and S16, the control circuit will automatically
5 identify kinds of transparent film according to the mark on the transparent film clip. Step S14 can be further arranged before step S10, and the method is performed in the sequence of S14, S10, S12, and S16. This means pressing the image receiving key and automatically moving the image receiving apparatus to a suitable position, then automatically focusing and identifying the
10 transparent film, and automatically magnifying the projection image or projected image of the transparent film. Step S12 can be further arranged after step S16, and the method is performed in the sequence of S10, S14, S16, and S12. This means manually moving the image receiving apparatus to a suitable position and pressing the image receiving key which assigns the size of the
15 image, and automatically magnifying and manually focusing the projection image or projected image of the transparent film. Furthermore, the sequence of steps S12 and S14 can be exchanged, and the method is performed in the sequence of S10, S14, S12, and S16. This means manually moving the image receiving apparatus to a suitable position and pressing the image receiving key,
20 then automatically focusing and identifying the kind of transparent film, and automatically magnifying the projection image of the transparent film.

Referring to Fig.9, which is a diagram illustrating a projection method according to an embodiment of present invention. In step S20, the image
25 receiving apparatus is manually moved to a suitable position in accordance with the mark on the transparent film clip. In step S22, automatically focusing

the image receiving apparatus. Finally, in steps S24 and S26, automatically identifying the kind of transparent film and digitally magnifying the projection image of the transparent film with the control circuit.

5 Fig.10 is a diagram illustrating a projection method according to an embodiment of present invention. In this method, utilizing a change of distance u of the image receiving apparatus 32 and the transparent film 42 to magnifying the received image. Referring to Fig.11, in step S30, firstly pressing the image receiving key, on the real object projector or on a computer which is connected
10 to the real object projector. In step S32, automatically moving the image receiving apparatus to a suitable distance for maximizing an image. Finally, in step S34, manually or automatically focusing the image receiving apparatus according to the transparent film clip. In the above-mentioned step S30, the image receiving key is selected from an image receiving key which assigns the
15 size of the transparent film and an image receiving key which does not assign the size of the transparent film. If the image receiving key is selected from the later, three steps are added between steps S30 and S32. The three steps comprise: (a) automatically moving the image receiving apparatus to a suitable position in accordance with the mark; (b) automatically focusing the image
20 receiving apparatus; and (c) automatically identifying the type of the transparent film clip with the control circuit.

Besides the above-mentioned methods according to an embodiment of present invention, the projection method can be further aimed to kinds of
25 transparent film. Moving the image receiving apparatus to a suitable position for obtaining a sufficient magnifying power, and automatically zooming and

focusing the image receiving apparatus to magnify the projected image. Referring to Fig.12, in step S40, firstly pressing the image receiving key on the real object projector or a key on a computer which is connected to the real object projector. In step S42, automatically moving the image receiving
5 apparatus to a suitable position in accordance with the mark on the transparent film clip. In step S44, automatically focusing the image receiving apparatus according to the transparent film clip. In step S46, automatically identifying the kind or type of transparent film clip with the control circuit. Then in step S48, automatically moving the image receiving apparatus to a suitable position for
10 obtaining a sufficient magnifying power depending on the type of transparent film clip. Finally, in step S50, automatically zooming and focusing the image receiving apparatus to magnify a projection or projected image.

Those skilled in the art will readily observe that numerous modifications
15 and alterations of the device may be made while retaining the teachings of the invention. Accordingly, the above disclosure should be construed as limited only by the metes and bounds of the appended claims.